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RASUBJ: SOVIET DIVERTED WHEAT FOR BANGLADESH

REF: (A) DACCA 3391; (B) DACCA 3455 (REPEAT DACCA 3391 TO CINCPAC)

1. FIRST SOVIET VESSEL BEARING COMMERCIALY PURCHASED WHEAT DIVERTED TO BANGLADESH, ARRIVED OFF CHITTAGONG JULY 30 AND WAS CEREMONIALLY RECEIVED IN PORT AUGUST 1 BY LOCAL SOVIET CONSUL GENWRAL AND HEAD OF USSR MERCHANT FLEET IN BANGLADESH. WHEAT SAID TO BE FROM VANCOUVER, ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

2. DESPITE INDICATION REPORTED REFTEL THAT JOINT SECRETARY, FOOD MINISTRY, WOULD RECEIVE VESSEL, PRESS REPORT SHOWS NO HIGH-LEVEL BDG ATTENDANCE AT EVENT. INITIAL ARRIVAL SOVIET-OWNED WHEAT NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN UNDUE PUBLICITY. PRESS STORY STATES THAT WHEAT IS A LOAN (NOT A GIFT).

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3. AN EARLIER PRESS STORY REVIVOD REPORT THAT MOST OF

WHEAT TO BE FROM USSR ITSELF. ON BEING QUESTIONED RE THIS, FOOD SECRETARY KHAN REAFFIRMED THAT 143,000 TONS WOULD BE FROM CANADA AND 12,000 TONS FROM AUSTRALIA. SOURCE OF REMAINING 45,000 TONS HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCLOSED.

4. THERE FOLLOWS A REVISED LISTING OF THE SCHEDULED ARRIVALS OF DIVERTED WHEAT, FROM THE FOOD SHIPMENT REPORT ISSUED BY UNROB AUGUST 1.

(A) YBA CHITTAGONG	(B) VESSEL DELIVERED	(C) WHEAT TO BE
JULY 30	VLADIMIR MAYAKOVSKY	13,360 TONS
AUGUST 3	ORSHA	13,500
AUGUST 4	HO CHI-MINH	11,670
AUGUST 11	VYSOTSK	11,000
AUGUST 15	KIMOVSK	11,741
AUGUST 25-30	TUMANIAN	11,000
AUGUST 15-20	LENINO-(TANKER	36,500
SEPT 2-6	LENINSKY-PIONEER	15,500
SEPT 5-6	REVENSTVO	15,500
SEPT 15-20	LENINSKY-KOMOSOL	15,500
END SEPT	UNNAMED VESSELS	44,729

5. NEITHER DIRECTOR GENERAL/US IN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR FOOD SECRETARY REPORTEDLY KNOW OF BD EMBASSY NOTE JULY 10 CITED STATE 142127 (NOTAL), REQUESTING BDG BE ALLOWED TO REPAY USSR 200,000 TONS WHEAT FROM PL 480 ALLOCATION FOR BANGLADESH. DG REQUESTED LANGUAGE FROM EMBASSY AND WAS PROVIDED WITH QUOTATION GIVEN STATE TEL. BD EMBASSY NOTE MAY HAVE BEEN PRECIPITATE, LACKING FULL CLEARANCE BDG AND PERHAPS ALSO CONCURRENCE USSR. MATTER NOT BEING PUSHED HERE.
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